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Mexican citizen pleads guilty to federal immigration charges

BANGOR, ME – United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that Omar Ramirez-Alarcon, a/k/a Misael Gatica-Morales, age 25, of Acapulco, Mexico, pleaded guilty on August 28, 2006 in U.S. District Court in Bangor, to illegally entering the United States after having been deported from the United States.

Ramirez-Alarcon was deported from the United States on March 17, 2003, and was prohibited from entering the United States at any time due to a 2000 California conviction for Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14.

Ramirez-Alarcon was arrested at Harrington, Maine in July 2006, for committing a felony. Investigation revealed that Ramirez-Alarcon was in the United States illegally.

Ramirez-Alarcon faces a possible sentence of more than 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Maine State Police.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.